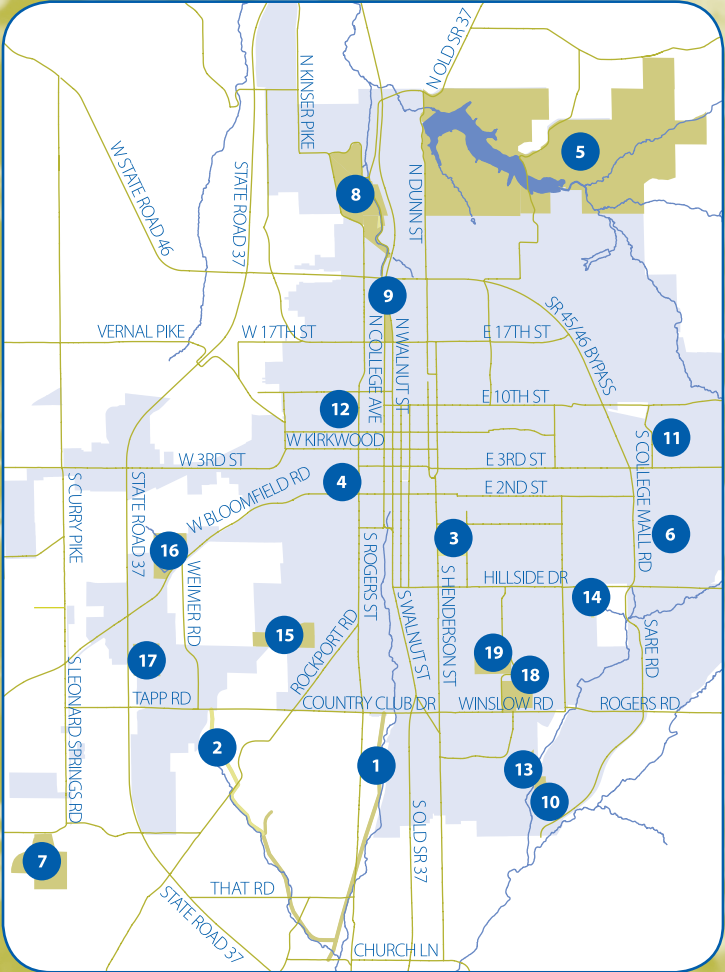


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Driving directions to the parks below are located inside.



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bloomington PARKS & RECREATION trail guide



City of Bloomington
Parks & Recreation

discover a trail

WELCOME TO BLOOMINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION!

Our mission is to provide essential services, facilities, and programs necessary for the positive development and well being of the community through the provision of parks, greenways, trails, and recreational facilities while working in cooperation with other service providers in the community in order to maximize all available resources.

There are more than 30 miles of trails in 19 city parks. Trails vary from rugged footpaths to paved, multi-use trails suitable for stroller walking and rollerblading. Motorized vehicles (four-wheelers, motorcycles, scooters, etc.) are not permitted on any of the city park trails. **Dogs must be leashed at all times; please be a considerate trail user and clean up after your pet.**

If during your hike you discover a need for trail maintenance, or if you want to report on trail conditions, please contact the Parks and Recreation main office at 812-349-3700, or send an e-mail to parks@bloomington.in.gov.

VOLUNTEER TO MAINTAIN OUR NATURAL SPACES

Would you like to help maintain and restore some of Bloomington's most scenic natural areas? Many volunteer projects are available for individuals and groups throughout the Bloomington community. Help is needed in a variety of parks, including Griffy Lake Nature Preserve and Leonard Springs Nature Park. Please contact the Parks and Recreation main office at 812-349-3700 to find out how you can help maintain our natural resources.

FITNESS

Hard surfaced trails ideal for walking or running.

HIKING

Natural surfaced trails primarily used for walking.

MULTI-USE

Paved trails intended for bicycle and pedestrian use.*

* Bloomington Rail Trail has a gravel surface.



Physical Activity — a little goes a long way.

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- Easy
- Moderate
- Difficult
- Restrooms
- Wheelchair accessible



MULTI-USE TRAILS

Park Ridge Park
A bike/pedestrian trail that connects the Park Ridge Neighborhood with the near East side. The trail extends from the bypass to Park Ridge Park.

Sherwood Oaks Park
JACKSON CREEK PARKS PATH ■■■ 0.3 mi
This non-looping trail connects Olcott and Sherwood Oaks Parks. The trail is predominantly in wooded areas and crosses Jackson Creek. Trailheads are located in the respective parks' parking lots.

Olcott Park
OLCOTT LOOP TRAIL ■■■ 0.5 mi
This short looping trail skirts the Olcott playing fields and crosses briefly through a small wooded area. One trailhead is located at the parking lot of Jackson Creek Middle School and the other trailhead is located at the Olcott Park parking lot.

Miller-Showers Park &
CLEAN WATER PATH ■■■ 0.6 mi
This wheelchair-accessible looping trail provides views of the Miller-Showers ponds and Cascades Stream. Interpretive signs along the trail discuss the purpose of the park and the environmental benefits of the water purifying parkscapes.



Bryan Park
FITNESS LOOP ■■■ 0.8 mi
This paved loop follows the perimeter of Bryan Park.
STREAMSIDE TRAIL ■■■ 0.25 mi
This paved trail follows the south side of the creek that lies within Bryan Park.


Southeast Park
CONNECTING PATH ■■■ 0.1 mi
This non-looping trail connects the playground, ball court, open space to Montclair Ave, and the parking lot.

Twin Lakes Sports Park
WOODED PATH ■■■ 0.6 mi
This trail takes you on a loop around the Twin Lakes ball fields and through a portion of the back woods.

Rev. Ernest D. Butler Park
NINTH ST LOOP ■■■ 0.4 mi
(formerly Ninth St Park)
This looping trail borders the open spaces of Rev. Ernest D. Butler Park. A portion of the trail doubles as a sidewalk.


Building & Trades Park
LOOP TRAIL ■■■ 0.8 mi
This looping trail surrounds most of the park. Portions of the trail are also used as a sidewalk.

Winslow Woods Park

NATURE TRAIL  **0.74 mi**
This looping trail winds through Winslow Woods past mature trees and a number of sinkholes. (See Fitness for Winslow Sports Park.)



Wapehani Mt. Bike Park


WAPEHANI MT. BIKE TRAIL  **5 mi**
Wapehani contains more than 5 miles of trails ranging in difficulty, length, and scenery. Both novice and experienced riders will find these trails to their liking.




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Thomson Park (seasonal)

EARLY HISTORY TRAIL  **0.7 mi**
This interpretive walking trail begins near the tennis courts and proceeds south into a wooded area. The trail extends around the maintained section of the community park detailing the natural and cultural history of the area.


THOMSON WOODS TRAIL  **0.74 mi**
Two intersecting loops make up this wooded trail. The trail starts from the Early History Trail and wanders through the forest and a clearing. The trail contains a few interpretive signs and ends at the Thomson Park Shelter.

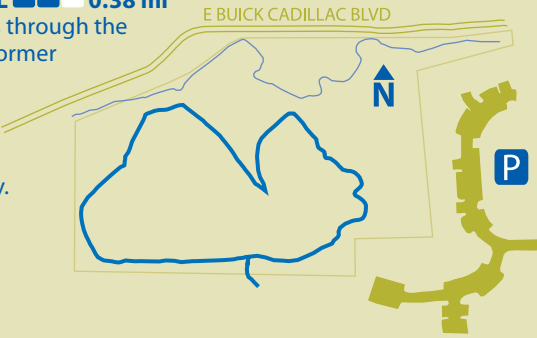


Lower Cascades Park (seasonal)


OVERLOOK TRAIL  **0.2 mi**
This picturesque trail connects the Lower Cascades Park to the Skate Park. Trailheads are located next to the South Shelter and the basketball courts adjacent to the Skate Park. The trail includes views of a waterfall.


Latimer Woods Park


NATURE TRAIL  **0.38 mi**
This trail winds through the woods of the former Latimer Farm. Interpretive signs detail the history of the property.




Griffy Lake Nature Preserve (seasonal)


WETLAND TRAIL  **0.5 mi**
While offering an easy hike, the Wetland trail is seasonally wet and located along fragile habitats. Please respect the special nature of this area by staying on the trail. This non-looping trail begins at the Griffy Creek trailhead.

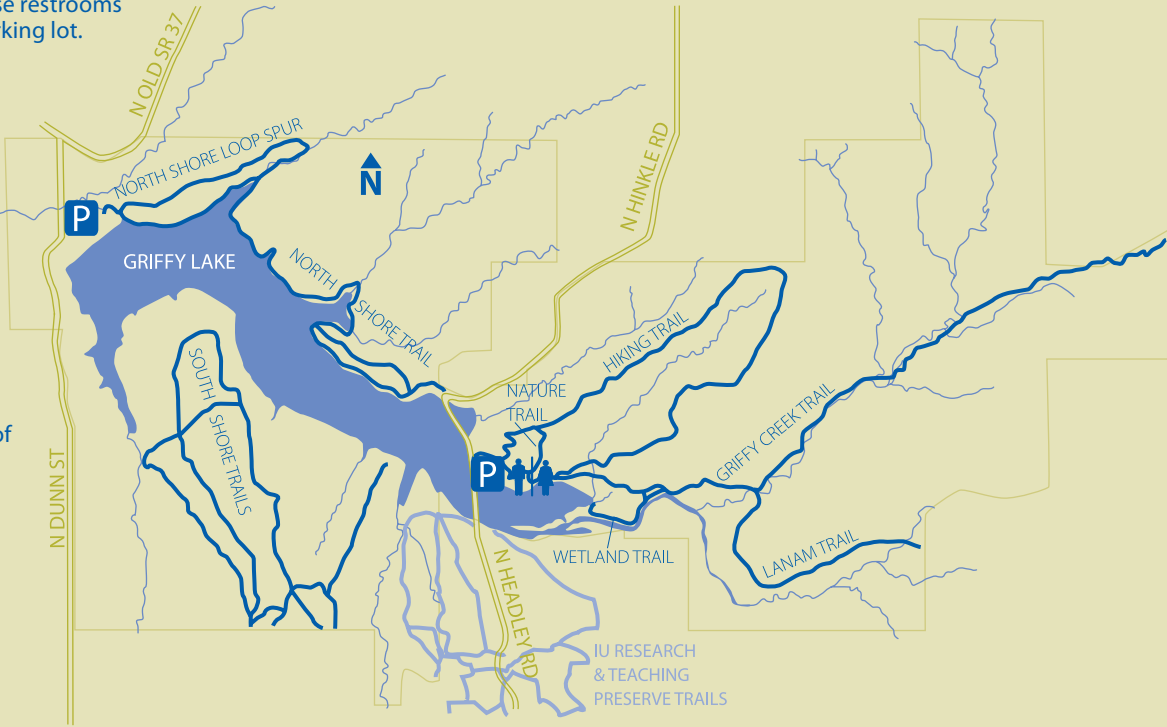
NORTH SHORE TRAIL  **1.5 mi**
This trail begins along N Headley Rd, north of the boathouse. Please use care when walking on the road to reach the trailhead. Due to steep slopes, narrow pathways and rock outcrops, the non-looping North Shore Trail is the most challenging at Griffy. Please stay on the trail when hiking in the area.

HIKING TRAIL  **1.6 mi**
This trail starts and ends with steep slopes; however, most of the trail is on a relatively flat ridge top. Views along the trail include valleys, upland forest, and occasional glimpses of the lake. The trail starts across the road from the boathouse restrooms or at the end of the boathouse parking lot.


NORTH SHORE LOOP SPUR  **1 mi**


This looping trail begins and ends at Griffy Dam. At the top of the dam the trail splits off to the left from the main North Shore trail. Sections of the trail explore upland forest habitat before dipping down into a creek bottom to rejoin the North Shore Trail.


LANAM TRAIL  **1.1 mi**
This little used trail extends 1.1 miles one way from the trailhead of the Griffy Creek Trail to Lanam Rd. The trail provides views of forest and parallels sections of the north and middle forks of Griffy Creek.



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GRIFFY CREEK TRAIL  **1.5 mi**
The trail begins at the east end of the boathouse parking lot and follows the north branch of Griffy Creek. Views along the walk include the creek and the forested valley.


NATURE TRAIL  **0.4 mi**
This self-guided trail begins across the road from the boathouse restrooms. It is an easy looping hike with moderate slopes.

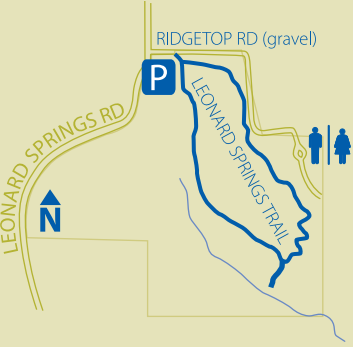
SOUTH SHORE TRAILS  **3.7 mi**
A collection of trails explore Griffy's state dedicated nature preserve area. A couple of the trails connect into the IU Teaching and Research Preserve trail system.

Leonard Springs

Nature Park (seasonal)

LEONARD SPRINGS TRAIL  **1.1 mi**
This wood-chipped, natural trail with steep slopes and stairs allows views of a wetland, two caves, Shirley Springs, and several other natural wonders.

RIDGETOP ROAD  **0.3 mi**
A gated gravel road begins at the parking lot and extends to the end of the park. This non-looping road ends at the park's restrooms. No drinkable water is available within the park.



DIRECTIONS

A city map with numbered parks is located on the back cover.

- 1 Bloomington Rail Trail & 2 Clear Creek Trail - Bloomington Rail Trail** Trailhead is 1/4 mile west of Walnut St on Country Club Rd. **Clear Creek Trailheads** at Church Ln, That Rd and Tapp Rd are located on those respective streets west of Rogers St.
- 3 Bryan Park** – 1000 S Henderson St: Follow Woodlawn or Henderson St.
- 4 Building & Trades Park** – From Third St, head south down Rogers St, then head east on Howe St. The park is at the intersection of S Maple St and W Howe St.
- 5 Griffy Lake Nature Preserve** – 3300 N Headley Rd (812-349-3732): Travel north along the 45/46 Bypass, head north on E Matlock Rd. Griffy Lake Nature Preserve is located approximately 1 1/4 miles on the east side.
- 6 Latimer Woods Park** – Head east on E Third St. Turn south onto Clarizz Ave (near Bloomington). Use the parking lot of The Woods at Latimer Apartments. The trailhead is located at the end of a gravel drive.
- 7 Leonard Springs Nature Park** – 3884 S Leonard Springs Rd: Travel west along Second St, it will become Bloomfield Rd. Keep heading west on Bloomfield Rd across State Hwy 37. Go south on Leonard Springs Rd after the bend in the road, turn south to stay on Leonard Springs Rd. The entrance to the park is 0.2 miles south of this intersection.
- 8 Lower Cascades Park** – From the 45/46 Bypass, travel south on N Walnut St. Head west at the first intersection, N Old State Route 37. Lower Cascades Park is located on the west side of the road (about 1/2 mile).
- 9 Miller-Showers Park** – From the 45/46 Bypass, head south on N Walnut St. The parking area is located on 17th St between N College Ave and N Walnut St.

- 10 Olcott Park** – 3600 The Stands Rd: From Sare Rd, head west on Rogers Rd about 1/4 mile, go south into The Stands (The Stands Rd). The road ends at the park (about 1 mile).
- 11 Park Ridge Park** – Take Third St east to Morningside Dr. Go north on Morningside Dr, and turn west on Glenwood Ave W. The park is at the intersection of E Longview Ave and Glenwood Ave W.
- 12 Rev. Ernest D. Butler Park (formerly Ninth St Park)** – From N Walnut St, go west on Seventh St, and then north onto Fairview St. The park is at the intersection of W Ninth St and N Fairview St.
- 13 Sherwood Oaks Park** – The park is east of the intersection of E Elliston Dr and S Fenway Pl.
- 14 Southeast Park** – 1600 Sycamore Ct: Heading south on High St, go east onto Arden. From Arden, head north onto Sycamore Ct (posted No Outlet). This leads to a cul-de-sac, with a parking area at the end for the park.
- 15 Thomson Park** – 2284 Thomson Park Dr: Travel south on Rogers until Rockport Rd, where you will head west. Head north at Countryside Drive, and then east onto Thomson Park Drive, which ends in the park.
- 16 Twin Lakes Sports Park** – 2350 W Bloomfield Rd: Take College to Second St and head west. Second becomes Bloomfield Rd. The park is on the right, 1/2 mile east of Hwy 37.
- 17 Wapehani Mt Bike Park** – 2800 W Wapehani Rd: Travel south along Weimer Rd. Head west on Wapehani Rd, and follow it until it dead ends into the parking area at the trailhead.
- 18 Winslow Sports Park** – 2301 S Highland Ave: Travel west on Winslow Rd. Head north when you reach Highland Ave. The park is just before the entrance to the YMCA on the right.
- 19 Winslow Woods Park** – 2120 S Highland Ave: Travel west on Winslow Rd, eventually heading north at Highland Ave. Winslow Woods Park is just past Winslow Sports Park on the west side.